

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph beginning at page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application is a ~~continuation-in-part~~ divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/966,347~~ 10/237,554, filed September ~~27~~, ~~2004~~ 2002, and entitled "Vertical Filter," which is a ~~division-continuation-in-part~~ of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/553,511~~ 09/966,317, filed April 20, ~~2000~~ September 27, 2001, and entitled "Vertical Filter" which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/553,511, filed April 20, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,319,413, and entitled "Method of Filtering Liquid Using a Vertical Filter," both of which are herein incorporated by reference.